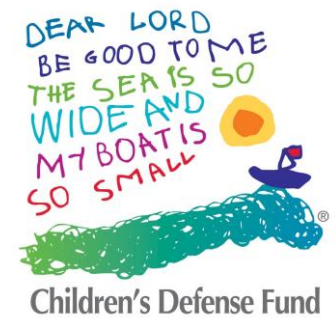


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Children in Pennsylvania

March 2013



2,783,926 children live in Pennsylvania:

1,977,052 are White, non-Hispanic
378,913 are Black
260,054 are Hispanic
82,807 are Asian/Pacific Islander
3,757 are American Indian/Alaska Native
122,437 are two or more races

723,886 are under the age of 5
1,374,308 are ages 5 to 13
662,965 are ages 14 to 17
2,037,273 are ages 5 to 17

In Pennsylvania:

A child is abused or neglected every 3 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 8 hours.

Pennsylvania Ranks:*

28th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

39th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

12th among states in per pupil expenditures.

The District of Columbia is best; Utah is the worst state

[*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Pennsylvania

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	531,993 (19.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	249,808 (9.2%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	117,897
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$403

Child Health in Pennsylvania

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	205,924 (7.6%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	272,492
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$70,650 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,300,042
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	46.3%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	89.2%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	29.2%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	27.3%

Child Hunger in Pennsylvania

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	710,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	84%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,127,417
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	103,651
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	253,011

Early Childhood Development in Pennsylvania

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	67.7%
Number of children served by Head Start	44,086
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	96,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$8,588
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	17.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	31.5%

Education in Pennsylvania

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$12,729
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	58.6%
unable to do math at grade level	52.1%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	62.0%
unable to do math at grade level	61.1%
Number (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	29,545 (4.0%)

Child Welfare in Pennsylvania

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	3,287
Number of children in foster care	14,175
Number of children adopted from foster care	2,013
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	80,521

Youth at Risk in Pennsylvania

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	84.1%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	15.7%
Number of juvenile arrests	67,659
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	5,034
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.8
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	132

This fact sheet contains the most recent data as of March 20, 2013. Most of the data are from 2011 and 2010. For more information on data year, sources, and methodological notes, please visit:

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